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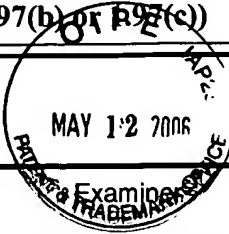
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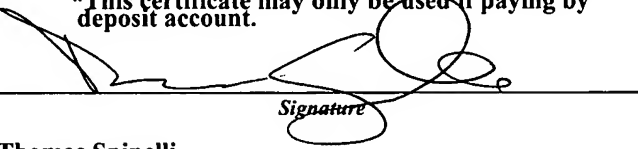
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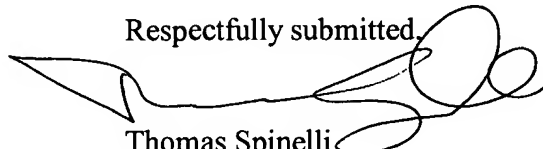


3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 61-103385, dated May 21, 1986, together with English-language Abstract; and
4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-076158, dated March 23, 1999, together with English-language Abstract.

The references were cited in an Office Action dated April 18, 2006 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Office Action. The relevance of the references is described in the Official Action.

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